

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE DIVISION[645]

Adopted and Filed

Rule making related to use of injectables by licensed optometrists

The Board of Optometry hereby amends Chapter 182, “Practice of Optometrists,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rule Making

This rule making is adopted under the authority provided in Iowa Code sections 272C.2 and 272C.4.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rule making implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code section 154.1(3).

Purpose and Summary

2020 Iowa Acts, House File 310, amended Iowa Code section 154.1, allowing optometrists to administer injectables if the optometrists are certified by the Board of Optometry. This rule making states the prescribed injections and establishes the educational training requirements that must be completed by a licensed optometrist for approval to use injectables.

Public Comment and Changes to Rule Making

Notice of Intended Action for this rule making was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on January 13, 2021, as **ARC 5383C**. A public hearing was held on February 2, 2021, at 10 a.m. in the Fifth Floor Board Conference Room 526, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa. No one attended the public hearing.

One comment was received in opposition to this rule making. The comment was submitted by the American Society of Plastic Surgeons, and the commenter requested that the rule making be withdrawn. No changes from the Notice have been made.

Adoption of Rule Making

This rule making was adopted by the Board on April 1, 2021.

Fiscal Impact

This rule making has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

Waivers

A waiver provision is not included in this rule making because all administrative rules of the professional licensure boards in the Professional Licensure Division are subject to the waiver provisions accorded under 645—Chapter 18.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rule making by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rule making at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee’s

meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

Effective Date

This rule making will become effective on July 7, 2021.

The following rule-making actions are adopted:

ITEM 1. Adopt the following new rule 645—182.5(154):

645—182.5(154) Use of injectables. A licensed optometrist shall not administer any injection prior to receiving approval from the board. Upon approval from the board, a licensed optometrist may administer only the following injections:

182.5(1) Subconjunctival injections for the medical treatment of the eye.

182.5(2) Intralesional injections for the treatment of chalazia.

182.5(3) Botulinum toxin to the muscles of facial expression innervated by the facial nerve, including for cosmetic purposes.

182.5(4) Injections to counteract an anaphylactic reaction.

ITEM 2. Adopt the following new rule 645—182.6(154):

645—182.6(154) Education and training approval.

182.6(1) The board shall not approve the use of injections other than to counteract an anaphylactic reaction unless the licensed optometrist demonstrates to the board sufficient educational or clinical training from a college or university accredited by a regional or professional accreditation organization which is recognized or approved by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation or by the United States Department of Education, or clinical training equivalent to clinical training offered by such an institution.

182.6(2) A licensed optometrist who completes the requirements of rule 645—182.7(154) is deemed approved by the board for use of injectables as outlined in this chapter.

ITEM 3. Adopt the following new rule 645—182.7(154):

645—182.7(154) Education and training. In order to use injections, a licensed optometrist shall meet the following requirements for board approval:

182.7(1) Be fully licensed and in good standing within the state of Iowa as a licensed optometrist.

182.7(2) Have completed a total of 24 hours of approved educational training pertaining to injections.

a. At least 4 hours of the 24 hours must be clinical training.

b. At least 5 hours of the 24 hours must pertain to the administration and side effects of injection treatment for botulinum toxin and chalazia.

182.7(3) Any practitioner exercising injection privileges must be able to produce proof of completion of requirements at the request of the board.

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